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Title : NOVEL CONSTRUCTS FOR CONTROLLED EXPRESSION  
OF RECOMBINANT PROTEINS IN PROKARYOTIC CELLS

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Honorable Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Sir:

As soon as the Serial No. and Filing Date have been accorded  
the above-identified application, kindly enter the following  
amendment:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claim 1: Kindly amend as follows:

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Method for producing a recombinant protein [of interest  
whose gene] wherein a gene encoding the protein is placed under  
the control of the Ptrp tryptophan operon promoter, [characterized  
in that it] wherein the method comprises the following steps:

- a) transforming a prokaryotic cell with a vector containing a  
nucleic acid sequence which is capable of inactivating the  
gene encoding a TnaA tryptophanase when said nucleic acid  
sequence is introduced into said host cell, and integrating  
said sequence into the DNA of said host cell; and before-  
hand, subsequently or simultaneously, introducing into said  
prokaryotic cell 'all[,] or part[,] of the sequence of a  
promoter which is followed, in the 3' position, by a

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